

## REVISION ON STEEL SOON

Democrats Almost Ready For  
Schedule

### TO CHECK BANK MONOPOLY

Congress Devotes Much Talk to Economy—Mr. Norris of Nebraska  
Censures the Postoffice  
Department.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Representative Peters of Massachusetts said yesterday of the meeting of the committee on ways and means that within a few days the Democratic majority would have revised chemical and iron and steel schedules to present to the House. The bills have already been prepared in the rough, and the departments are now estimating the amount of revenue which they will bring into the treasury. This action means that wool will go over for some time and that the Democrats will not touch cotton until the tariff board reports. The committee also considered economy, but no definite conclusion can now be announced.

A bill making a general reduction of from 30 to 35 per cent, on all steel and iron duties of the present Payne-Aldrich tariff law was agreed upon by a House ways and means sub-committee yesterday. The bill would add to the free list carpenters' tools and other articles for ordinary use among consumers.

### DEMOCRATS TALK OF HARMONY.

This the Chief Occupation of Majority of  
Committee on Appropriations.

Representative Gillette said yesterday that the Republican members of the committee on appropriations had not yet met or considered the bills which must be passed at this session. The Democrats have given some thought to the needs of District of Columbia, but otherwise they have done nothing but talk harmony. One of their chief objects of attack will be the president's economy and efficiency commission, of which Mr. Frank Chase of Haverhill, Mass., is a member. The Democrats want to be shown that the commission has made good, and the commission, according to reliable rumor, is delighted to have the chance to give publicity to its work, the extent and value of which is not yet appreciated by the public, let alone Congress. A story was current last year, when the question of continuing the commission came up, to the effect that in case the government would not appropriate funds for the work of Dr. Cleveland and his experts, private funds would be forthcoming which would enable the commission to keep on with a status similar to that of the municipal bureau of research in New York. From whose pocket these funds would come is not known, but it is believed that the same parties will be willing to help in the same way should the Democrats cut out the necessary \$75,000.

### NORRIS CRITICISES POSTOFFICE.

He Declares Department Has Come to Be  
a Huge Political Machine.

"The postoffice department has come to be a huge political machine used by any party in power to control party organizations," declared Representative Norris of Nebraska yesterday in explaining a drastic bill he introduced, which would place every postal employee except the postmaster-general under the competitive classified service. "The roll-call of a Republican convention," said Mr. Norris, who is an insurgent Republican, "sounds like a list of second-class postmasters."

### MOVE TO CHECK BANK MONOPOLY.

Monetary Commission to Vote on Plan  
Offered by Mr. Vreeland.

The national monetary commission was to have voted yesterday afternoon upon a motion of Vice Chairman Vreeland to insert in the bill to establish a national reserve association a provision that any bank shall be deprived of the voting power which can be shown to be owned or controlled by another bank or corporation.

### BISHOPS ON A STRIKE.

They Declare Independence In Portugal.

Lisbon, Jan. 5.—Ensuing on the punishment of the patriarch of Lisbon, Mgr. Anthony Mendes Bello, who was ordered to be expelled on Dec. 28 by the Portuguese government for two years, all the Portuguese bishops yesterday proclaimed their independence from the government. The minister of justice, in reply to a communication from them notifying their decision, declared that if they persist in their refusal to recognize the civil authorities they will all be expelled from Portugal. At the same time he will hold them responsible for any disturbances. The expulsion of the patriarch of Lisbon caused disturbances in the capital yesterday. Over ten thousand people proceeded to the patriarchate in order to offer their condolences to the departing prelate.

The extreme Republicans in the meantime organized a band of four thousand men, who marched to the patriarchate and rushed upon the Catholics assembled there shouting: "Down with the monarchists; death to the clergy." The Catholics responded with cheers for the pope, for Dom Manuel and for Dom Miguel as well as for the monarchy. The Republicans succeeded in breaking through the lines of police and soldiers surrounding the patriarchate, which they invaded, forcing the clergy to flee for safety. Re-enforcements of troops arrived on the scene and drove off the Republicans. Many people were injured and there was a number of arrests.

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### TWENTY YEARS IN PRISON AT HARD LABOR

Sentence Imposed on Mrs. Mildred T.  
Keefe, Found Guilty of the Murder  
of Her Son.

Bath, Me., Jan. 5.—A verdict of guilty of manslaughter was returned yesterday afternoon by a jury in the supreme court against Mrs. Mildred T. Keefe, for causing the death of her two-and-one-half-year-old son, whose body was found at the edge of a pond October 21.

The woman was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment at hard labor. The closing arguments for the defense and state having been completed on Wednesday night, only the judge's charge remained to be heard when court was opened yesterday morning.

Associate Justice Spear spoke for one hour, charging the jurors on their duties as prescribed by the law and discussing the important features of the evidence.

to consider the different stories Mrs. Keefe had told, and to consider her conduct. He said the state did not have to show a motive for the crime and it was not necessary for them to know how the child met death. The question for them to decide, he said, was whether he died a natural or unnatural death.

### NO ATTACKS.

Mr. Taft Won't Allow Them on Colonel  
Roosevelt.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Word was sent broadcast yesterday to supporters of President Taft that under no circumstances would the president counsel attacks on Col. Theodore Roosevelt, no matter what the ultimate intention of Mr. Roosevelt in regard to the Republican presidential nomination might be.

It was said yesterday that the president has expressed himself as being at a loss to account for reports that relations between him and Colonel Roosevelt were seriously strained.

### FOUR BOYS DROWN AS ICE BREAKS

Two Rescued with Difficulty from Con-  
tocooc River in New Hamp-  
shire.

East Jaffrey, N. H., Jan. 5.—Four boys were drowned and two others were rescued with difficulty when ice on the Contocooc river gave way beneath the weight of the double-runner sled on which they were sliding yesterday. The bodies of the four drowned were recovered.

The boys went out on the river yesterday afternoon to slide on their double runner. There were five boys on the sled and one was pushing when the accident happened. Suddenly the ice gave way beneath the combined weight of the boys and sled and all were plunged into the icy waters of the river.

The cries for help were heard by people on shore. While several persons rushed out on the ice to help the boys,

others ran to the center of the town and the fire bell was rung. In a short time many persons had gathered along the river bank and were doing their utmost to save the endangered boys.

Despite their efforts four of the youths were drowned. At first it was feared that the two who were rescued would die from exposure, but after being worked over for a long time they revived. The bodies of the four boys who were drowned were later recovered.

### LAW BARS WOMEN DEPUTIES.

Sheriff of New York County Makes Ap-  
pointments in Vain.

New York, Jan. 5.—New York county will have no women deputy sheriffs. It's against the law. Sheriff Harburger's feelings in the matter to the contrary notwithstanding his recent appointments of Mrs. Charles H. Truax and other women, will be recalled. They are not voters, and as the law prescribes that every deputy sheriff must not only be a resident of the county, but entitled to vote therein, women cannot serve. After conferring with counsel, Sheriff Harburger yesterday made this announcement. Much to his regret, he said, he will have to abandon his idea of women deputies until equal suffrage shall prevail in this state.

### CHINESE ENVOY TO WASHINGTON QUIT HIS POST

Chang Yin Tang Decides to Return to  
His Home and Will Leave  
Next Week.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The Chinese minister to Washington, Chang Yin Tang, has decided to quit his post here, after a stay of a year and a month. The reason for his decision is as yet unknown. He will leave the capital next week for China, taking his family with him and leaving Yung Kwai, the first secretary, in charge of the legation.

### La Follette Ill.

Juliet, Ill., Jan. 5.—Still suffering from the effects of ptomaine poisoning which attacked him Wednesday night, Senator Robert M. La Follette spoke for half an hour yesterday in a crowded theatre. A large number of persons were unable to gain admission to the building and were turned away. The senator arrived in care of a physician.

### HIDING CLEW TO MONA LISA?

Belgian Army Officer Fined for Refusing  
to Divulge Information.

Brussels, Belgium, Jan. 5.—The theft of the famous picture "Mona Lisa" from the Louvre gallery in Paris on Aug. 22 last was again brought to public notice yesterday, when a retired army officer was brought before the police court here and fined \$10 for refusing to divulge details of the information which he had publicly declared he possessed in regard to the robbery.

### SHOCK FELT IN CUBA.

No Damage, However, Is Reported in  
Dispatches from Santiago.

Havana, Jan. 5.—A shock of earth quake was felt at Santiago de Cuba early yesterday morning. No damage is reported.

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